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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORTING

1. SECRETARY'S VISIT WAS FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE NEWS ALL SOUTH AFRICAN SUNDAY PAPERS.

2. MASS CIRCULATION ENGLISH-LANGUAGE " SUNDAY TIMES" HEADLINE " CLIFFHANGER HINGES ON SMITH." REPORT NOTED SMITH ARRIVAL IN PRETORIA " IN DESPERATE BID" TO MEET KISSINGER. PAPER EDITORWLIZED QUOTE WE ARE CONFIDENT WE ARE EXPRESSING THE FEELINGS OF ALL MEN OF GOOD WILL IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ZHITE AND BLACK, WHEN WE WISH DR. KISSINGER GOOD LUCK IN THE FATEFUL MISSION HE HAS SET FOR HIMSELF. NOT EVERYBODY IN THIS P S THE CONTINENT AGREES THAT THE OVERRIDING PRIORITY IS TO KEEP THE COMMUNIST MEANCE AT BAY. THIS IS VERY HIGH ON THE PRIORITY LIST, BUTLHE ISSUE THAT OVERSHADOWS EVERYTHING ELSE, AS MANY PEOPLE SEE IT, IS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN WHICH LHITES RLACYGLCC ABLE TO LIVE

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IN PEACE AS BROTHERS AND AS GOOD NEIGHBORS. THIS IS REFERENCE
OF EMPHASIS, NOT OF AIMS. THE AIM IS THE COMMON ONE OF PEACE, AND
ON THIS SCORE DR. KISSINGER NEED HAVE NO FEARS THAT HE WILL
NOT RECEIVE THE FULL AND ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THE MILLIONS
OF PEACE-LOVING WHITES AND BLACKS WHOSE DESTINY IS BEING PLAYED
OUT... IF DR. KISSINGER FAILS IN THIS MISSION, THE FAILURE
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA COULD WELL BE TERMINAL. GOOD LUCK, HENRY.
IF YOU FAIL, WE SHARE YOUR FAILURE. IF YOU SUCCEED, WE SHARE
YOUR DLSRPU WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT TOGETHER. UNQUOTE.

3. MASS CIRCULATION AFRIKAANS PAPER " RAPPORT" HEADLINE " NOW
IT'S IAN AND HENRY." REPORT NOTED ANNOUNCEMENT OF SECRETARY'S
MEETING WITH SMITH, WHICH IT SAID " COULD BELF DECISIVE
IMPORTANCE FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA". EDITORIAL SAW QUOTE GUARDED
OPTIMISM IN THE VERY DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAS MODIFIED HIS POSTURE.
MR. SMITH HAS RECEIVED A MANDATE FROM HIS RULING PARTY TO DEAL
WITH DR. KISSINGER. HOP
JLPE RHODESIANS WILL APPRECAITE THAT
THE TIME FOR BRAVADO IS PAST AND THAT A RECIPE FOR PEACE
RRDER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA MUST BE FOUND. THEN THERE IS THE
DETERMINATION OF MR. VORSTER TO CUT THE KNOT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA,
AIDED BY DR. KISSINGER'S EFFORTS. BUT THERE ARE NO INSTANT
SOLUTIONS. UNQUOTE.

4. JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH " SUNDAY EXPRESS" HEADLIP " TOP
BLACKS TELL DR. K. TO QUIT S.A." REPORT SAID QUOTE BLACK
LEADERS ASKED DR. KISSINGER TO LEAVE SOUTH AFRICA LAST NIGHT.
THEY TOLD THE SECRETARY NOT TO PLAY A ROLE IN RSA UNTIL MR.
VORSTER HAD CALLED AN ALL-RACE NATIONAL CONVENTION TO FORMULATE
A NEW DEAL FOR THE COUNTRY... BEFORE DR. KISSINGER MET THE
BLACK LEADERS HE PUBLICLY DENOUPED SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT IN
FORTHRIGHT TERMS. DISCARDING DIPLOMATIC PROTOCOL, HE SAID IN A
BRWF ADDRESS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY STAFF THE USA COULD NOT
AGREE WITH ANY CONCEPT THAT IS BASED ON THE SEPARATION OF
RACES. THE STATEMENTS BY DR. KISSINGER AND BLACK LEADERS
DRAMATIQLLY SHIFTED ATTENTION IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PEACE
SHUTTLE FROM RHODESIA AND SWA TO RSA ITSELF UNQUOTE.

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CARDS SO CLOSE TO THE CHEST IT IS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHAT IS
GOING ON. BUT CERTAINLY SUCH SIGP AS CAN BE SEEN DON'LOOK
PROMISING, EXCEPT PERHAPS ON THE SWA ISSUE... ON RHODESIA,
THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS HAVE FAILED TO BRING ANY SEMBLANCE
OF UNITY TO THE BLACK NATIONALIST FACTIONS. FACED WITH THAT, IT
IS HARD TO SEE MR. SMITH SUDDENLY THROWING IN THE TOWEL AFTER
11 YEARS OF STUBBORN RESISTANCE... AS FOR RSA WE HAVE

AN EQUALLY INTRANSIGENT ATTITUDE. THE NATIOPL PARTY CONGRESS
IN PRETORIA THIS WEEK WAS EVERY BIT AS GRANITE-FACED AS THE
RHODESIA FRONT CONGRESS IN UMTALI. OUR GOVERNMENT WILL
NEITHER RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF A CRISIS NOR CONTEMPLATE
POLITICAL REFORMS TO MEET IT... AND YET THERE IS ONE GLIMMER
OF HOPE, AND THAT LIES SIMPLY IN THE FACT OF DR. KISSINGER'S
PRESENCE HERE. IT'S A DISTURBING THOUGH THAT THIS HOPE,
AND THE FUTURE OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THIS SUBCONTINENT,
DEPEND ON THIS ONE MAN BEING ABLE TO PULLL OFF THE SEEVNGLY
IMPOSSIBLE. BUT THEN HE HAS DME JUST THAT BEFORE.UNQUOTE.

6. DURBAN ENGLISH PAPER " SUNDAY TRIBUNE" HEADLINE " STEP IN,
DR. K." REPORT SAID QUOTE THE FOCUS OF THE KISSINGER PEACE
SHUTTLE SWUNG DRAMATICALLY TO SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS
YESTERDAY. DR. KISSIPER WASTOLD BLUNTLY BY BLACK LEADERS
IT WAS TIME H
ED HIS INFLUENCE ON MR. VORSTER TO DEFUSE THE
CHRONIC UNREST IN OE COUNTRY. AND CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI
WARNED IN A STATEMENT TO DRLISSINGER THAT UNLESS HE CONVINCED
THE BANNED AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, THE PAN AFRICANIST
CONGRESS AND BLACK SMTH AFRICANS OF AMERICA'S GOOD INTENTIONS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA THERE WOULD BE NO SUCCESS IN REACHING AN
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VAST MAJORITY OF BLACKS. UNQUOTE.
HUGHES

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